

OPINION 1384
DROMOPHIS PETERS, 1869 (REPTILIA, SERPENTES):
CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Philodendros* Fitzinger, 1843 and its emendation *Philodendrus* Agassiz, 1846, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Dromophis* Peters, 1869 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy, *Dendrophis praeornata* Schlegel, 1837, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *praeornata* Schlegel, 1837, as published in the binomen *Dendrophis praeornata* (specific name of the type species of *Dromophis* Peters, 1869) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The names *Philodendros* Fitzinger, 1843 and *Philodendrus* Agassiz, 1846, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2375

An application for the conservation of *Dromophis* Peters, 1869 was first received from Dr D. G. Broadley (*National Museum, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe*) on 16 March 1981, and was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 40, pp. 189–190. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to seven general and three herpetological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 16 September 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985) 43 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 40, p. 190. At the close of the voting period on 16 December 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-two (22) received in the following order: Melville, Cocks, Willink, Savage, Kabata, Mroczkowski, Corliss, Alvarado, Uéno, Hahn, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin, Zheng, Cogger, Lehtinen, Schuster, Bernardi, Ride, Thompson, Halvorsen, Dupuis, Heppell

Negative Votes — one (1) Holthuis.

Kraus returned a late affirmative vote. No votes were returned by Bayer and Gruchy.

In returning his voting paper, Holthuis pointed out that the Commission had not been asked to suppress an unjustified (and unused)

emendation of *Philodendros*, namely *Philodendrus* Agassiz, 1846. However, even though the omission had been overlooked, the existence of the name was before the Commission when it voted to conserve *Dromophis* Peters, 1869. The suppression of *Philodendrus* Agassiz, 1846 has therefore been included in this ruling.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *Dromophis* Peters, 1846, *Monatsber. königl. Acad. Wiss. Berlin*, p. 447
Philodendros Fitzinger, 1843, *Systema Reptilium*, p. 26
Philodendrus Agassiz, 1846, *Nomenclatoris Zoologici Index Universalis*, p. 285
praeornata, *Dendrophis*, Schlegel, 1837, *Essai sur la physionomie des Serpens*, vol. 1, p. 157, vol. 2, p. 236.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1985) 43 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1384.

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